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#### NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTATION

Why Not Regional?

#### NAS Pensacola, Florida



1826 - 2003

#### **Brief NAS Pensacola History**

- Constructed in 1826
- 321 Historic Properties
  - Old Navy Yard NRHP & NHL historic district
  - Fort Barrancas Properties
- 56 Archeological sites
- 5,800 acres
  - Waterfront & beaches
  - Forest
  - Environmentally sensitive areas



#### Consultation at NAS Pensacola

- Impetus for Consultation Meeting:
  - Development of an Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan (ICRMP)
  - Updated Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP)
  - A.C. Read Golf Course renovation
  - Future Undertakings

#### **Consultation Objectives**

- Express the Navy's commitment & sincerity regarding Tribal consultations
- Develop a friendly, working relationship with Tribal leaders
- Mitigate the A.C. Read Golf Course renovation project
- Compliance

#### **Consultation Timeline**

- NSA Panama City 2<sup>nd</sup> Consultation 11/01 (Find someone who's been there and done that!)
- NASP 1<sup>st</sup> Consultation 4/02
- NASP 2<sup>nd</sup> Consultation 8/02
- NASP 3<sup>rd</sup> Consultation 11/02
- NASP 4<sup>th</sup> Consultation 3/03
- NASP 5<sup>th</sup> Consultation ??????? (Annual)

Consultations occur in the field to the late night dinner table





NAS Pensacola November 2002 Consultation

## Background: NAGPRA/AIRFA Requires

- Now incorporated into NHPA
- No guidance on how to proceed
- NAS Pensacola
  - Pursued on a local basis with 24 tribes
  - -1<sup>st</sup> consultation = > \$71,000
  - $-2^{\text{nd}}$  consultation = > \$51,000
  - $-3^{rd}$  consultation est. = > \$60,000
  - -4<sup>th</sup> consultation est. = > \$53,000
  - **Expenditure remaining beyond that = ???**

#### Background:

#### Consultation summary:

- NSA Panama City = \$185K
- NAS Pensacola = \$235K
- Remaining consultations est. = ???????
- Total to date at both commands = \$420K

### **Southeastern Activities with Native American Interest:**

Parris Island; Mayport; Jacksonville; Key West; Albany; Athens; Panama City; Pensacola, New Orleans; Meridian; Kings Bay; and more!

#### Background:

- Panama City & Pensacola appear typical
- Average Cost:
  - Person hour expenditure/command = est. 2,000
  - Delay of projects until process complete

#### Recommendation:

 Conduct Regional Consultations within the Southeastern United States



-Develop a consultation "Best Practices and Guidelines as it pertains to the resident and removed Tribes within the Southeastern United States (28)

-Regional cost estimate =
\$70,000/consultation

–Invite all Regional Tribes to attend

Invite all Regional DOD Commands to attend

-Invite ACHP/Concerned SHPOs, Coast Guard, NPS, NATHPO, COE, DOD Agencies (Secretariats)



#### When and Where:

- Summer 2003 in Atlanta, GA
- Summer 2004 in Atlanta, GA
- Spring 2005 in Oklahoma (TBD)
  - Invite all Regional Tribes to attend
  - Invite all Regional DOD Commands to attend
  - Invite ACHP/Concerned SHPOs
  - Develop and finalize a consultation "Best Practices and Guidelines as it pertains to the resident and removed Tribes within the Southeastern United States

## Questions?

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